



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	)	Examiner: Mosher, Mary
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Avi ASHKENAZI, et al.	)	Art Unit: 1648
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Application Serial No. 09/902,759	)	Attorney's Docket No. 39780-1618 P2C22
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Filed: July 10, 2001	)	<b>Customer No. 35489</b>
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For: <b>SECRETED AND</b>	)	
<b>TRANSMEMBRANE</b>	)	
<b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC</b>	)	
<b>ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME</b>	)	

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 20, 2003 (Paper No. 19) in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks. The present Response is accompanied by a request for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee, therefore, it is timely filed. A Notice of Appeal is filed herewith to maintain the pendency of the application.